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FOR A/OS (DR. GORDON PARSONS)

ALSO FOR NEA/ARN (HOLD FOR MARSHALL W. WILEY)

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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S CENTER (ICC) BAGHDAD

REF: WILEY TO PARSONS OFFICIAL INFORMAL JUNE 9, 1976

1. KILLOUGH AND DIEFFENDERFER CALLED AUGUST 19 ON ICC STAFF TO CONFIRM ENROLLMENT OF THREE USINT CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 6.

2. MRS. MCDONALD (STANDING IN FOR NEW BRITISH NATIONAL PRINCIPAL MRS. WAHBA WHO WILL NOT BE IN BAGHDAD UNTIL AUGUST 27) SAID THAT ENROLLMENT WILL BE AT LEAST 350. AS PARSONS RECALLS, ICC LIMITS EACH CLASS TO TWENTY PUPILS. SCHOOL PROJECTS FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN:

GRADES

THREE CLASSES EACH: 1

TWO CLASSES EACH: K, 2,3,4,5,7

ONE CLASS EACH: 6,8,9

3. THIS YEAR'S FEES WILL BE (A) ID 30 (DOLLARS 102) PER STUDENT (K - 9) PER MONTH FOR NINE MONTHS (TOTAL DOLLARS 918), (B) ID 5 (DOLLARS 17) REGISTRATION FEE. SCHOOL BUS COSTS WILL BE ADDITIONAL AND WILL NOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL EARLY SEPTEMBER.

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4. RECENTLY ACQUIRED THIRD CLASSROOM BUILDING IS BEING

RENOVATED ON SCHEDULE AND ALL NEEDED DESKS AND FURNITURE
HAVE BEEN PROCURED--ACCORDING TO SCHOOL OFFICIALS.

5. TEXTBOOK PROCUREMENT HAS BEEN GOING SLOWLY, WITH ROUGHLY
HALF OF WHAT HAS BEEN ORDERED NOW IN HAND.

6. COMMENT: FORMAL ENROLLMENT WILL TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 1,
2, AND 4. ONLY AT THAT TIME WILL COMPOSITION AND NUMBERS
BE REASONABLY FIRM. SCHOOL HAS RECENTLY LOST ITS TWO MOST
EXPERIENCED EXPATRIATE ADMINISTRATORS (MESDAMES DRURY AND
ROBSON) AND LONG-TIME DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (MRS. AL-RAWI) HAS
JUST INFORMED SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN THAT SHE WILL HENCEFORTH
BE AVAILABLE ONLY AS SUBSTITUTE TEACHER. CHALLENGE OF MANAGING
EXPANDING STUDENT BODY WHICH FACES NEW SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
IS CONSIDERABLE.
DECONTROL ON RECEIPT.
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